

**First Sunday in Lent  
February 18, 2018  
8:30 A.M.**

**WELCOME TO GRACE**

**Prelude**

**Word of Welcome**

*Stand as you are able*

**Confession and Forgiveness**

P During the season of Lent we are called to return to the Lord with all our heart. Let us confess our sin and seek reconciliation with God and neighbor.

*Silence for reflection and self-examination*

P Merciful God,

**C you sent Jesus Christ to save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We fail in love, neglect justice, and ignore your truth. Have mercy on us and wash away our sin. Create in us clean hearts for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen**

P Behold, now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation. Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins, and bring us to everlasting life.

**C Amen**

**Gathering Hymn**

'Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us' vs 1 **707**

## **Greeting**

P The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C And also with you.**

*Please be seated*

## **Kyrie**

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## **Prayer of the Day**

P Let us pray

Holy God, heavenly Father, in the waters of the flood you saved the chosen, and in the wilderness of temptation you protected your Son from sin. Renew us in the gift of baptism. May your holy angels be with us, that the wicked foe may have no power over us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C Amen**

## **First Reading**

Genesis 9:8-17

<sup>8</sup>God said to Noah and to his sons with him, <sup>9</sup>“As for me, I am establishing my covenant with you and your descendants after you, <sup>10</sup>and with every living creature that is with you, the birds, the domestic animals, and every animal of the earth with you, as many as came out of the ark. <sup>11</sup>I establish my covenant with you, that never again shall all flesh be cut off by the waters of a flood, and never again shall there be a flood to destroy the earth.” <sup>12</sup>God said, “This is the sign of the covenant that I make between me and you and every living creature that is with you, for all future generations: <sup>13</sup>I have set my bow in the clouds, and it shall be a sign of the covenant between me and the earth. <sup>14</sup>When I bring

clouds over the earth and the bow is seen in the clouds, <sup>15</sup>I will remember my covenant that is between me and you and every living creature of all flesh; and the waters shall never again become a flood to destroy all flesh. <sup>16</sup>When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature of all flesh that is on the earth.” <sup>17</sup>God said to Noah, “This is the sign of the covenant that I have established between me and all flesh that is on the earth.”

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

### **Second Reading**

I Peter 3:18-22

<sup>18</sup>Christ also suffered for sins once for all, the righteous for the unrighteous, in order to bring you to God. He was put to death in the flesh, but made alive in the spirit, <sup>19</sup>in which also he went and made a proclamation to the spirits in prison, <sup>20</sup>who in former times did not obey, when God waited patiently in the days of Noah, during the building of the ark, in which a few, that is, eight persons, were saved through water. <sup>21</sup>And baptism, which this prefigured, now saves you—not as a removal of dirt from the body, but as an appeal to God for a good conscience, through the resurrection of Jesus Christ, <sup>22</sup>who has gone into heaven and is at the right hand of God, with angels, authorities, and powers made subject to him.

L The Word of the Lord.

**C Thanks be to God.**

*Stand as you are able*

**Gospel Acclamation** 'We are turning, Lord' p. 205

**P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.

**C** **Glory to you, O Lord.**

**Holy Gospel**

Mark 1:9-15

<sup>9</sup>In those days Jesus came from Nazareth of Galilee and was baptized by John in the Jordan. <sup>10</sup>And just as he was coming up out of the water, he saw the heavens torn apart and the Spirit descending like a dove on him. <sup>11</sup>And a voice came from heaven, "You are my Son, the Beloved; with you I am well pleased."

<sup>12</sup>And the Spirit immediately drove him out into the wilderness. <sup>13</sup>He was in the wilderness forty days, tempted by Satan; and he was with the wild beasts; and the angels waited on him.

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

**P** The Gospel of the Lord.

**C** **Praise to you, O Christ.**

*Please be seated*

**Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day**

'O Lord, throughout These Forty Days'

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*Stand as you are able*

## **Apostles' Creed**

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### **Prayers of Intercession**

*Petitions end:*

A Lord, in your mercy,

**C hear our prayer.**

P Trusting in your covenant of mercy, O God, we lift our prayers to you, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C Amen**

### **Peace**

*The people greet one another saying: 'Peace be with you'.*

*Please be seated*

### **Offering**

*Stand as you are able*

### **Offertory**

'Lord of Glory, You Have Bought Us' vs 2 **707**

### **Offering Prayer**

A Merciful God,

**C receive the sacrifice of our praise and thanksgiving and the offering of our lives, that following in the way of the cross, we may know the joy of the resurrection; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

### **Great Thanksgiving**

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### **Words of Institution**

**Lord's Prayer** (left margin) p. 208

**C Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.  
Give us today our daily bread.  
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.  
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever.  
Amen**

*Please be seated*

### **Distribution of Holy Communion**

*Come to the communion rail by the center aisle and return by the side aisle. You may kneel or stand. Wine is in the common cup and tray of individual cups. If you prefer grape juice, ask the server. Children are invited for a blessing. All are welcome who believe Christ is present in this meal for the forgiveness of sins.*

### **Hymns at the Distribution**

'Lamb of God'	p. 208
'Lord, Keep Us Steadfast'	<b>517</b>
'Thy Holy Wings'	<b>613</b>
'Lord of Glory' vs 3 & 4	<b>707</b>

*Stand as you are able*

### **Table Blessing**

#### **Prayer after Communion**

**A** Compassionate God,  
**C** **you have fed us with the bread of heaven. Sustain us in our Lenten pilgrimage: may our fasting be hunger for justice, our alms, a making of peace, and our prayer, the song of grateful hearts; through Christ our Lord. Amen**

## **Benediction**

**P** May God who has called us forth from the dust of the earth, and claimed us as children of the light, strengthen you on your journey into life renewed. The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine upon you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and give you † peace.

**C** **Amen**

**Closing Hymn** 'Jesus, Still Lead On' **624**

## **Dismissal**

**A** Marked with the cross of Christ, go forth to love and serve the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

## **Prayer Huddle**

**Please note: During the season of Lent,** we will use Setting 10, beginning on page 203 in the front of the ELW (hymnal). You may want to place the ribbon finder there as we will use this the next several weeks.

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**Worship Assistants: February 18**

**Greeters:** Mason – Gerry & Ed Kerwell  
East – Mary Kruckeberg, Mary Wheeler

**Assisting Minister:** Mark Balkman

**Lector:** Gerry Kerwell

**Communion 8:30:** Gene Krull

**Communion 10:30:** Deb Werth

**Ushers:** Larry Baumbach, Mike Keeney, Phillip Keeney, Joe Wilharms

**Pianist:** Lois Hilger

**Attendance 01/28:** 8:30 am-54 & 10:30 am-20

**H.S. Grilled Cheese Lunch: 02/08** 121

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***Welcome to Grace***

*Whether you are a member or visiting for the first time, may God's grace surround you today.*

*There is a guest book to sign in the gathering area.*

*If you are looking for a church home,  
you are welcome here.*

## ***In Prayer this Week***

***For members on the Care List*** especially Dorothy Henke and Ellen Holz

***For Healing*** Tom Jensen; Mardie Paalman, Cookie Regal's sister; Winston Augustus Smith, Cheryl Muggenthaler's nephew; Mary Langdon, Cheryl Muggenthaler's sister-in-law; Rev. Jennie Johnson Wrege; Valerie Sieg; Marvin Wrege; Sharon Meier; Margaret Congdon; Jerry Wilharms; Mike VerKuilen; Ruby Niemuth; Raylene Houterman;

***For those with cancer*** especially Ellie; Mark Catlin; Roger Schmidt; Marian Breitenfeldt; Enid Andrews.

***For the family of Tim Conn*** at his passing this last week. Bring comfort to the family at their loss.

***“Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer.”*** Romans 12:12



*If you have a Prayer Chain request, please contact Mary Hubers (731-1428) or Susan Pringnitz (733-7591). Call the church office with requests for prayer to be put in the bulletin and/or to ask for a prayer to be relayed to the Prayer Chain.*

## Announcements

**It has not snowed a lot so far this year!** We still need to be ready when it comes. Please consider signing up to keep the sidewalks clear. Thank you!

**Apartments for Rent:** 1 & 2 BR apartments available immediately at Linwood Place. Call Becky (734-7225), John (419-5754), Brian (840-3578) to arrange a tour. Plan for the future also! Get on our waiting list if you're thinking of a move in the future.

**Fox Valley Lutheran Homes:** Needs people to fill vacancies on the Board of Directors and on the Mission & Ministry Committee. Call Becky (734-7725) for information

**Adult Forum** is **TODAY** at 9:40 am. We will be looking at "Living the Toughest Teachings of Jesus."

Check it out!!!!

**Grace Web Site** [www.gracelutheranappleton.org](http://www.gracelutheranappleton.org) for new pictures of our Sunday School Students in action. We also have a new feature – Daily Devotions. Every day a new devotion is on our website. Check them out!

**The Lenten Season** is here. We will have a midweek Lenten Service starting at 6:30 pm. Thank you to Pastor Brian Bankert from Trinity who will be leading the services.

Please don't forget to **sign the cards** each week on the table in the Narthex that are mailed out to the homebound members.

**A request from Sandy Yerxa:** This is a benefit for my second cousin Linda Friday's 3 grandsons of whom she now has custody since her daughter was murdered last fall. I have made several things that will be "raffled" off and if you would like to donate items or money or baked goods, I would be glad to deliver it or get it to Linda or the benefit organizers. Thanks!! **Cori Friday Cummings Memorial Benefit** 02/24/2018 2:00 – 8:00 at N4715 State Rd 22 and 110 in Manawa at Bear Lake Campground and Resort in Waupaca County.

### **EPIC 2018**

Equipping People in Congregations will be held in Shawano on March 10 from 8:30 a.m. to 3:45 p.m. Kris Stache, a professor from Wartburg Seminary, will present "Congregations, Creativity, and Leadership: Embracing the Unknown." You are invited to explore ways to join in, and embrace, the creative work of the Spirit in and through your congregation. As leaders in the church and your communities, how do we begin to discern and trust God's activity in and amongst us? How do we lead when we don't know where we are headed? Plus there are eleven workshops to choose from. You can attend three different workshops. Lunch is included. All for \$15.00! Registration deadline is February 26<sup>th</sup>!

Don't forget to direct **Choice Dollars thru Thrivent** for grant funding. If you have Choice Dollars available, you have until March 31, 2018 to direct your dollars. Call 800-847-4836 and say "Thrivent Choice" or go online to [Thrivent.com/thrivent choice](http://Thrivent.com/thrivent choice) to learn more.

## **GRACE FOR THE WEEK**

- Sunday, Feb 18**..... 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School  
9:40 Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. Worship
- Monday, Feb 19**..... 7:30 p.m. AA Meeting
- Tuesday, Feb 20**..... 8:30 a.m. Quilting  
6:30 p.m. FV Chorus  
6:30 p.m. TLC Council Mtg
- Wednesday, Feb 21**..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study  
5:15 p.m. Rooted  
6:30 p.m. Worship  
6:45 p.m. AA Meeting  
7:00 p.m. Council Meeting
- Thursday, Feb 22**.....10:00 a.m. Grilled Cheese Lunch
- Friday, Feb 23**..... 9:00 a.m. Bible Study
- Saturday, Feb 24**..... 9:00 a.m. Hmong Service
- Sunday, Feb 25**..... 8:30 a.m. Worship  
9:25 a.m. Sunday School  
9:40 Adult Forum  
10:30 a.m. Worship